

A MEETING of FUNTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL was held at the Funtington and District Village Hall, West Ashling on Wednesday 2nd March, 2011, at 6.30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mr. J.M. Sewell, (Chairman), Mr. D.A. Collet, Mrs. T.A. Hall, Mr. R.J. Hammond, Mr. J. Hepworth, Mr. T.E. Hoare, Mr. G. Keech, Mr. R.H. Knight, Mr. N.G. La Hive and Mr. P.O.H. Medlam,

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs. J.V. Bateman, Mr. B. Oakley-Smith and Mr. W. Vinall.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Councillors declared interests in any of the items on the agenda

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 2nd February, 2011, were approved, and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING

The information about the Old Chapel/Clock Trust required by the Freedom of Information request had been supplied, but its receipt had not yet been acknowledged.

REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

District Councillor Mrs. Tassell said that the District Council were still studying the benefits scheme. It seemed clear that the poor will suffer. The District Council will deal with planning for the new South Downs National Park on an agency basis. Parish Plans will need to include details about planning. The Chairman and Cllr. Medlam will attend an SDNP briefing meeting later this month.

REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR

County Councillor Mrs. Goldsmith said that categories of care were being considered as part of the review of County Council expenditure. Savings of £1M are being redirected into the voluntary sector. The proposed changes to school catchment areas have been withdrawn for one year whilst they are being reconsidered.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that the following letters had been received:

- (a) Chichester District Council – Localism - Community Action Pilots – *See next letter*
- (b) Chichester District Council – Chichester South Community Action Pilot – Next Meeting – *Councillors will attend*
- (c) Royal British Legion – Great Poppy Party Weekend - *Noted*
- (d) West Sussex County Council – Connections Newsletter - *Noted*
- (e) West Sussex County Council – Infrastructure Works Programme 2011/12 and Forward Programme – *Nothing for Funtington*
- (f) Chichester District Council – Play Area Insurance – *Being actioned*

FINANCE

Accounts for Payment - March

		£	VAT
Belcher Frost, Solicitors	Land Registry Fees	78.00	
BVR Creative	Parish Newsletter	60.00	
B.W. Mann	Clerk's Salary – February	369.00	
B.W. Mann	Clerk's Expenses	60.95	
Westcotec Ltd	Purchase of SID	3,150.00	525.00

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillors considered the list of planning applications attached to the Agenda. The Planning Working Group's recommendations, as shown on that list, were agreed and approved.

**WORKING GROUP
REPORTS**

Environment. Bridleway 469 in Kingley Vale will be closed for 14 days from 14th March whilst fencing works are being carried out adjacent to the bridleway

Speed & Traffic Management. The SID has arrived, but the authorisation letter to use the sites is still awaited.

Affordable Housing. Portal Close has now been opened officially. The Parish Council has received the District Council Chairman's Award for their efforts in seeing the scheme through all its stages. The Parish Council has come third in the SEREP Community Empowerment Awards. There would be an award ceremony later this month.

Broadband. A Group from the Beta Club is meeting to consider ways to improve the broadband speed in the parish. BT is being urged to improve the Bosham telephone exchange as it unlikely that BT fibre optics will arrive until 2015 at the earliest. A private pilot test is being considered, which would entail a temporary small aerial on the church tower. 20 or more contributors would be required. Candidates are being sought. A presentation on broadband will be given at the Bournes Forum meeting later this month.

The Chairman reminded councillors that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Wednesday 27th April. After discussion, it was agreed that Dr. Paul Strickland, the owner of the Old Chapel at West Ashling, which housed the Clock Trust/Time Machine, be invited to talk at that meeting.

It was also agreed that, as there was likely to be an election for Parish Councillors, the May Annual Parish Council should be delayed until 18th May. There would be no meeting in June, but the July meeting would be on the 6th July, the first Wednesday in the month, as normal.

**DATE OF NEXT
MEETING**

Wednesday 6th April, 2011, at 6.30 p.m.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30 p.m.

Chairman
6th April, 2011